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EDUCATION FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

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"Grandma's going to school again!" This statement seemed sufficiently newsworthy to rate the front page of an upstate New York community some months ago. The article went on to state that an increasing number of older men and women are taking part in different types of educational programs although these are not always along traditional patterns.

Although "education for the aging" is a new accent in adult education, it is not a new concept for it is inherent in the philosophy that the need for learning is continuous throughout life in the total life adjustment of the individual. What, then, are the conditions or problems of later maturity that make continued learning a necessity, and why "special classes" for the aging? These conditions or problems of later life largely result from loss of one's major life role brought on by retirement or widowhood. There is need, therefore, to help large numbers of retired and widowed persons find avocational interests and skills for purposeful and satisfying activity. From the point of view of the older person's health, too, there appears to be a direct relationship between a wide range of interests and good mental health and between good mental health and physical well-being.

In addition to avocational interests and skills, for some older men and women there is a need to develop vocational skills as a means for supplemental income. This is also a felt need of many women in their fifties who are widowed or whose children have grown up.

Still another educational need exists for our senior citizens — as much societal as it is personal — to help preserve the social functions of the individual which, in turn, requires continuity throughout the entire life span of growth in information, knowledge, and understanding. Citizenship responsibilities require understanding based on up-to-date facts. Individuals, over the years, build up their own frame of reference with respect to personal beliefs, assumptions, and convictions that often become obsolete in later years. For many older men and women this necessitates changing fixed attitudes and the acquisition of new information, sometimes referred to as "learning and unlearning." In light of the dynamics of our society and the rapidity with which our population is aging, this is a social imperative.

For these reasons it is important that educational opportunities be created which will help the older person find a continuity of experience that has within it

satisfying social relationships, purposeful and meaningful activity, preservation of existing skills, personal development and growth through learning and unlearning.

In most existing adult education programs -- public school, college, library, etc. -- some older men and women are participating in a wide variety of educational pursuits, but the number is very small in spite of the fact that retired people have fewer competitions against their time than most working people have. The reasons for this vary considerably, but the following have been given by older people when approached with the question: (1) they do not like to attend night classes (when most adult education is offered) because they can't see well at night; (2) because they are tired at the end of the day; (3) because it is harder to travel about at night when weather conditions are poor; (4) because most school buildings have too many steps to climb and some have a remote approach; (5) the desks are too low and seats uncomfortable; (6) the lighting is inadequate; (7) some feel they would prefer studying informally with people of their own age; (8) some hesitate to enroll for adult education because they aren't sure of their own interests and abilities and some are frightened by the word "education" but responded differently when asked what, if anything, they would like to study for fun.

It is apparent, therefore, that educational opportunities for today's senior citizens must be created at all levels, ranging from the collegiate to the informal type where education is an integral part of a larger social program. For collegiate institutions this means offering noncredit courses tuition free. A precedent for this has already been established by a number of colleges throughout the country. For public school adult education it means scheduling courses of special interest to older men and women during the day and at a place convenient to them. It means also extending the adult education program to include courses in preparation for retirement beamed at the middle-aged person to help him make a blueprint for retirement living and develop the necessary understandings and skills to make that blueprint become a reality. In addition it means that the public school, in cooperation with other local agencies, has a responsibility for establishing educational and recreational programs for that type of older person who needs to be motivated through satisfying social experiences before he can participate in educational activities. Programs such as this, in the nature of senior citizens clubs

and day centers, are now being operated by public schools, libraries, churches, and a wide variety of public and private agencies. Similar programs are being organized in public and private homes for the aged.

Experience throughout the country has shown that many older men and women do respond to educational programs where such opportunity is given them and do profit from them. There is also reason to believe that many more senior citizens will seek further education when the pursuit of knowledge and creative activity carry as much status and respect for the individual so engaged as working for livelihood.

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"To read a book means literally to take it in. It becomes part of the reader. This takes time, quite as much time to reflect on what is read, as to follow the words on the printed page. And so it happens, not infrequently, that one of the delights of age is the discovery of what reading really means. The old person brings to the reading his experience in living to light the page, he brings his hunger to understand what has puzzled or intrigued him and he brings habits of critical judgment which make him no easy dupe to facile words. But let the words once grip him, then he becomes an enthusiastic discoverer."

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Recent Books

A SELECTION

Suggested by Book Information Section
Florence Boochever, Editor — Laura E. McDowell

Recommendations: *of first interest; Y for young people; P for prisons; R for reformatories; H for mental hospitals.

Nonfiction

YP *Acheson, D.G. A citizen looks at Congress. Harper. $2.50.
RH Examining Woodrow Wilson's classic, Congressional government, the Secretary of State in the Truman administration cogently discusses the committee system at work today and the "reversal of the legislative and executive roles" that has occurred in the Congress since the Constitution was ratified. 328.73

YP *Allen, R.P. On the trail of vanishing birds. McGraw-Hill. $4.50.
RH The Research Director of the National Audubon Society, who has studied the whooping crane, the roseate spoonbill and the flamingo describes his adventures in the wilderness habitats of these almost extinct species and the efforts of the Society to preserve them. Photographs. 598.2

YP *Bamberger, B.J. The story of Judaism. Union of Am. Hebrew Congs. $5.
RH Centered on "religious ideas, observances, and institutions," this comprehensive, simply written volume by the Rabbi of West End Synagogue, New York City, will prove enlightening to both Jews and Christains. Book list, questions, notes, index. 296

YP *Barrois, G.A., ed. Pathways of the inner life; an anthology of
RH Christian spirituality. Bobbs-Merrill. $5.
Thirty-three Christian writers of various creeds, from the days of the Church Fathers to the present, testify to the reality and significance of their experience in encountering God. Sources, suggested reading. 248.082

YP *Beal, J.R. John Foster Dulles; a biography. Harper. $4.50.
RH In an admiring portrayal of the Secretary of State, a Washington correspondent for Time magazine analyzes his major diplomatic negotiations and defends the controversial statesman who is dedicated to a "quest for durable peace." Photographs. Index. B or 92

Beke, Laszlo. A student's diary; Budapest, October 16 - November 1, 1956; ed. and tr. by Leon Kossar and Ralph M. Zoltan. Viking. $1.95.
One of the organizers of the student revolt in Budapest, now in Canada, writes anonymously of the course of the heroic fight for freedom in a Communist-controlled country. Drawings by the author. 940.55

Benjamin, J.J. Cruising boats within your budget. Harper. $4.
A sailing enthusiast gives practical advice on "the ownership of a modest cruising boat," citing his own experiences in breezy style. Photographs, drawings. Helpful data in appendix, index. 623.82

Y Berrill, N.J. & Berrill, Mrs. Jacquelyn. 1001 questions answered about the seashore. Dodd. $5.
Satisfies the amateur collector's curiosity about the forms of life most likely to be encountered on the shore and in the shallow seas. Photographs, drawings. List of books, index. 574.92

Beutner, K.P. & Hale, N.G., Jr. Emotional illness: how families can help. Putnam. $2.75.
What to do for nervous or mental breakdown, how to recognize symptoms and aid recovery is explained in a popularly written, small book based on current knowledge. Bibliography. 616.8

YP *Bolton, Joe. The wind and the weather. Crowell. $3.95.
RH Easy-to-read information about the fascinating science of meteorology - its history and effects on behavior and events, what to do in a storm, myths and weather lore. Frontispiece. 551.5

YP *Borland, H.G. This hill, this valley. Simon & Schuster. $5.
RH Following "the pattern of the year, Spring to Spring," beautifully expressed observations on nature and the ways of man are offered by the noted writer who now lives on a Connecticut farm. Some of the material first appeared on the editorial pages of The New York Times. Lovely drawings. 574

Y Boyd, T.A . Professional amateur; the biography of Charles Franklin Kettering. Dutton. $4.50.
From farm boy to head of General Motor's Research Laboratory is the span in this direct and sympathetic record of an industrial pioneer, philosopher and educator. Photographs. Index. B or 92

YP Breland, O.P. Animal friends and foes. Harper. $3.95.
RH Interesting collection of animal kingdom lore, answering a wealth of questions and correcting many common misconceptions about the habits of mammals, birds, fishes, reptiles and insects. Drawings. References, index. 591.6

YP *Brookes, Ewart. Rescue tug; the story of the "Flying Enterprise" and
RH the salvage tug "Turmoil." Dutton. $3.50.
To the dramatic re-creation of this sea classic of January, 1952, is added an exciting, authentic account of deep-sea towage vessels in action during war and peace on many oceans. Endpaper map, photographs. Index. 910.45

Brooks, Van Wyck. Days of the phoenix; the nineteen-twenties I remember. Dutton. $3.95.
A continuation of Scenes and portraits (1954) that interweaves vignettes of friends in the literary and art worlds with personal reminiscence, including a period of melancholia which was later found "invaluable." B or 92

YP Burgess, Alan. The small woman. Dutton. $3.95.
R The fantastic experiences of a determined young Englishwoman who went to China on her own to do missionary work, made friends with the Mandarin of Yangcheng and endured incredible hardships while caring for children during the Revolution. Endpaper map, photographs. B or 92

Burlingame, Roger. The American conscience. Knopf. $6.75.
The "many diverse and dangerous phases" of our national growth in three centuries since the Pilgrims' settlement are interestingly analyzed in the light of dominant morals and behavior. Bibliography, index. 917.3

Y Cabeen, R.M. Standard handbook of stamp collecting. Crowell. $5.95.
Comprehensive volume by the stamp editor, Chicago Tribune, treating almost every phase of philately for beginners and addicts. Photographs, drawings. Helpful lists and tables, glossary, index. 383.2

YP *Clarke, A.C. The reefs of Taprobane; underwater adventures around
RH Ceylon. Harper. $5.
Following the two-man expedition recounted in The coast of coral (1956), the author with his expert marine photographer spent five months in Ceylon and here gaily describes not only undersea experiences but picturesque villages and ruins discovered on land. Endpaper map, photographs. 915.48
YP The vastness of the sea; adventure in the mysterious depths, by Bernard Gorsky; tr. from the French (Little. $5. 591.92) is a vivid account of four underwater hunters' voyage in a 40-foot cutter from France to Tahiti, the halfway point in a proposed round-the-world diving and filming expedition. Maps, photographs.

YP *Crowther, Bosley. The lion's share; the story of an entertainment
RH empire. Dutton. $5.
Colorful, anecdotal history of motion pictures from the days of the nickelodeon to the present, using Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as a "characteristic pattern of how the American film industry evolved." Photographs. Index. 792.9

YP Cyrus, Ulla. Manual of Swedish hand weaving; tr. by Viola Anderson.
RH Branford. $5.95.
Step-by-step information on equipment, construction and art weaves, yarn calculation etc., valuable to beginner and experienced. Fully illustrated. Glossary and word list. 745.52

YP *Durrell, G.M. My family and other animals. Viking. $3.95.
RH The popular British zoologist delightfully recalls a five-year stay on the island of Corfu when he was ten, the youngest of an engaging family, describing their casual, "comic opera" life with eccentric, devoted natives and the collection of strange creatures he introduced to an astonished household. 574.94

Eban, A.S. Voice of Israel. Horizon. $3.95.
Twenty-five addresses by Israel's ambassador to the United States lucidly and eloquently express the philosophy and trace the history of the first decade of the new State, suggesting its possible future course. Endpaper maps. Highlights of events. 956.94

A hundred hours to Suez; an account of Israel's campaign in the Sinai Peninsula, by R.D.Q. Henriques (Viking. $3. 962) is a vivid, telling report of interviews with commanders and government officials in Israel by the distinguished English novelist and journalist of the Jewish faith who has had nearly 30 years of military service.
The Suez war, by Paul Johnson (Greenberg. $2.50. 962) is an angry, incisive review by the assistant editor, The New Statesman and Nation, of events and personalities that brought about the "infamous" Suez crisis, pointing to the guilt of Britain's leaders which should be corrected by an informed public. Frontispiece.

YP Fabry, Alois. Oil painting is fun. Crowell. $2.95.
RH A charming square book containing 10 easy lessons for the "Sunday artist" by a practicing painter, illustrator and teacher. Helpful photographs and drawings. 751
The art and technique of portrait painting, by Frederic Taubes (Dodd, $4. 757) authoritatively considers materials, techniques, procedures and preservation in an effort to reestablish classical methods. Small quarto with plates and drawings.

Fermi, Mrs. Laura. Atoms for the world; United States participation in the Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. Univ. of Chicago. $3.75.
The historian for the U.S. delegation describes for the general reader the topics treated and persons present at the Conference, "the magnitude of the effort, the extent of the cooperation and of the good will." Photographs. Index. 539.76

Y Frank, Morris, & Clark, Blake. First lady of the Seeing Eye. Holt. $3.
Told with simplicity and humor, this is the life story of the young man, now a successful insurance salesman, who brought back from Switzerland the well-trained dog, Buddy, pioneer in The Seeing Eye movement which has meant independence for thousands. Photographs. 636.72

Y Free, Montague. Plant propagation in pictures: how to increase the number of plants in your home and garden by division, grafting, layering, cutting, bulbs and tubers, sowing seeds and spores. Doubleday. $4.95.
Inviting volume for the amateur gardener with helpful Foreword, introductions to chapters and captions for the more than 350 photographs and 11 line drawings. Appendix, index. 631.53
Using wayside plants; one hundred useful plants of the Northeastern United States and how to use them, by Nelson Coon (The author, Watertown, Mass. $3. 581.6) tells how to identify, pick and use various food plants, including comments on their possible medicinal value and recipes. Profusely illustrated. Bibliography, index.
The little bulbs, by Elizabeth Lawrence (Criterion. $4. 635.9) is "a tale of two gardens" (subtitle), a large one in Ohio, a small one in North Carolina, and the many delightful bulb plants that can be grown out of doors or in pots. Chapter heads. Reading list, index.

Y *Good Housekeeping. Complete wedding guide; ed. by E.S. Weston. Hanover House. $4.95.

Excellent reference book providing concise answers to the many questions of etiquette that arise between the time of the engagement and the day of the formal or informal wedding. Drawings. Index. R392

Y *Abingdon shower parade, by Mrs. Bernice Hogan (Abingdon. $1.95. 793) offers a fund of feasible suggestions for a variety of attractive, original showers that will be fun for hostess and guests. Drawings.

Guinness (Arthur) Son and Company, ltd. The Guinness book of superlatives; comp. by N.D. McWhirter. Superlatives, Inc. $2.95.
A collection of records to date in the human, natural, scientific, mechanical and business worlds, the universe, world's structures, human achievements and sports. Photographs. Index. R032

Hart, G.R. Retirement; a new outlook for the individual. Hart. $3.95.
In straightforward, realistic chapters, a businessman shares his happy experience in retirement, stressing the need for intellectual and emotional preparation. 179

Y *Keeley, J.C. Taking it easy with your camera. Duell. $4.50.
How to "get better pictures and more fun out of photography" is persuasively told by the editor of the American Legion Magazine who gives essentials and fine points to amateur and professional. Photographs. Glossary. 770.2

YP *Landis, B.Y. World religions. Dutton. $2.95.
RH "A brief guide to the principal beliefs and teachings of the religions of the world and to the statistics of organized religion" (subtitle), objective, authoritative and directed to the layman for general reading or reference. Note on sources, glossary, index. 290

Y *Lewis, H.J. The complete book of pet care. Random. $2.95.
Well-illustrated, pithy volume on the choice and care of cage birds, cats, tropical fish, rabbits, turtles, dogs, guinea pigs, hamsters and mice. 636

YP *Low, David. Autobiography. Simon & Schuster. $5.
RH How the noted British caricaturist became a graphic satirist is related in lively text and striking cartoons, affording a fascinating picture of public figures and world events "during one of the most inspiring and agonizing epochs of history." Photographs.Index.B or 92

Y *Meyer, Robert, Jr. Low cost trips for the whole family in Eastern U.S. and Canada from two days to two weeks. Greenberg. $2.75. paper
Alphabetically arranged by states, this useful guide for car, plane, bus or train travel, besides describing local attractions, offers practical tips on packing, amusements for children and care of pets en route, listing lodging and transportation rates. Maps. Index. 917

YP *Europe in color, by the editors of Holiday (Doubleday. $7.50. 914) is
RH a selection of nearly 200 photographs from the magazine with captions, prefaced by Allan Nevins' article, "The Meaning of Europe," and suggested tours. Handsome quarto well worth its cost. Maps. Index.

Mitchell, Broadus. Alexander Hamilton. v. 1, Youth to maturity, 1775-1788. Macmillan. $8.75.

Hamilton's West Indian boyhood, service as General Washington's aide-de-camp and part in the ratification of the Constitution are traced in the first of two volumes which promise a definitive biography. Portrait frontispiece. Notes, bibliography, index. B or 92

Munsterberg, Hugo. The arts of Japan; an illustrated history. Tuttle. $7.50.
An exquisite gift to the library, this beautifully printed, authoritative volume deals with Japanese crafts and fine arts from prehistoric times to the present. Numerous plates in color and black and white. Bibliography, index. 709.52

YP *Phillips, J.B. Is God at home? Abingdon. $1.75.
RH Thirty brief messages interpret "various facets of the Christian gospel" in simple, modern language geared to the needs and experiences of average people. 248

YP *Pierhal, Jean. Albert Schweitzer; the story of his life. Philosoph-
RH ical Lib. $3.
Readable, informed biography bringing up to date the accomplishments of a great man. Photographs. B or 92

YP *Roske, R.J. & Van Doren, Charles. Lincoln's commando; the biography
RH of Commander W.B. Cushing, U.S.N. Harper. $4.50.
The daring exploits of the high-spirited young man who helped to maintain the blockade during the Civil War, his background and personality, are evoked in a lively narrative based on contemporary records. Endpaper maps, photographs. Index. B or 92

*Ross, Albion. Journey of an American. Bobbs-Merrill. $4.50.
Colorful odyssey of a former New York Times foreign correspondent who spent the last 25 years in Europe, Africa, the Far and Middle East and here philosophically interprets world politics in the light of human experience, stressing modern man's "homelessness" in a bewildering age. 909.82

Rowan, C.T. Go South to sorrow. Random. $3.50.
The distinguished Negro journalist of the Minneapolis Tribune toured his native South in 1956 to observe the general reaction to desegregation and in this forthright report protests the "moderation" that permits the ruthless few to "trample roughshod over the basic liberties of the people." 325.26

Rukeyser, Muriel. One life. Simon & Schuster. $5.
Unusual, poetic re-creation of the inner life and recorded deeds of Wendell Willkie, "a real man who has already become a legend." B or 92

YP *Sumner, Mrs. C.R. Traveler in the wilderness. Harper. $3.50.
RH At 64, the author joined seven men, aged 16 to 50, on an expedition through the canyons of the Green and Colorado rivers in rubber rafts and here zestfully records the excitement and beauties of the novel 31-day voyage. Endpaper map. 917.88

Trumbull, Robert. Nine who survived Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Dutton. $2.95.

Using direct quotations, the "personal experiences of nine men who lived through the atomic bombings" (subtitle) are related by the head of The New York Times Tokyo Bureau who details the horrible, warning effect of atomic warfare. Endpaper maps, photographs. Index. 940.542

Y *Warfield, Mrs. Frances. Keep listening. Viking. $2.95.
As she lightly relates the happy outcome of her own fumbling experiences with deafness, the author of Cotton in my ears (1948) describes the tremendous progress made in treatment of the hard-of-hearing during the past 50 years. 617.8

YP *Washburn, R.C. Gallery on the Green. Washburn. $3.
RH At 50, a New York engineer married the attractive owner of a Guilford, Conn. gift shop, widowed mother of five sons, and here engagingly recounts the family and business trials weathered before they "reached some financial competence and a new happiness." Drawings. 658.87

YP Weems, J.E. A weekend in September. Holt. $3.50.
R From access to original records and interviews with survivors of the Galveston storm of September 8, 1900, a librarian at Baylor University vividly reconstructs the horror and chaos of the "worst recorded disaster ever to strike the North American Continent." Endpaper map, photographs. Index. 976.4

Weymar, Paul. Adenauer, his authorized biography; tr. from the German. Dutton. $5.95.
Based on interviews with the Chancellor, his relatives, friends and associates, and on official files and archives, this is an enlightening "life of a Christian statesman." Photographs. Index. B or 92

Fiction

YP *Anthony, Evelyn. Anne Boleyn. Crowell. $3.95.
R The turbulent times of King Henry VIII with the cruelties and intrigues, are gracefully and authentically evoked as bewitching Anne Boleyn becomes queen only to die as another takes her place.

Arnothy, Christine. God is late; tr. from the French. Dutton. $3.50.
Centering on frivolous Gaby Tasnady and her orchestra-conductor husband, this is a realistic portrayal of the sordid aspects of life in Hungary under Communist control — of anxiety, infidelity, violence and sudden deportation.

YP *Burton, William, & Burton, Mrs. Molly. The years between. Humphries.
RH $3.50.
What happens in a Thames village when a kindly, anti-Nazi German chemist comes to the local aluminum factory and is welcomed at the old inn run by a tolerant World War I veteran is retailed in a significant, pleasing novel.

Guareschi, Giovanni. Don Camillo takes the devil by the tail; tr. by Frances Frenaye. Farrar. $3.
Further hostilities between the Communist Mayor and the village priest are aired in amusing episodes. (Pub. date: May 23)

YP *Head, Mrs. Ann. Fair with rain. McGraw-Hill. $2.95.
RH Engaging, witty story of a South Carolina farming family and their four children, skilfully detailing the domestic crises that arise during the college-age son's engagement to a wealthy New York society girl.

Y Malm, Mrs. Dorothea. To the castle. Appleton. $3.75.
The illegitimate, orphaned daughter of a French duke is sent from a London office as secretary to the duke's cousin and her frightening adventures in the mysterious, old castle where she discovers the family's past secrets are unfolded in an unusual tale of suspense.

YP Masters, John. Far, far the mountain peak. Viking. $5.
RH Strange, ambitious Peter Savage is the leading figure in an absorbing novel of England and India in the early 1900s, of the interplay of personality and the attempt to scale the uncharted mountain, Meru, which Peter finds he must relinquish when he learns belatedly that people are more important than power.

Nisser, Peter. The red marten; tr. from the Swedish. Knopf. $3.95.
Striking chronicle of the headstrong Wessels of Sweden whose changing fortunes in the 17th and 18th centuries are recorded with vivid characterization and earthy detail, including contemporary superstitions and customs.

Rogers, Mrs. L.H. Birthright. Simon & Schuster. $3.50.
When a 5th grade Southern school teacher admits to her questioning pupils approval of desegregation, dismissal is inevitable and hitherto latent resentment flares into violence in this timely novel, revealing through flashbacks complex relationships within the community.

YP *Steinbeck, John. The short reign of Pippin IV; a fabrication. Viking.
RH $3.
When middle-aged Pippin Heristal, amateur astronomer, is elected King of France, he finds it no easy matter "to reactivate a monarchy," as this scintillating satire amusingly indicates.

Van Doren, Mark. Home with Hazel, and other stories. Harcourt. $3.95.
Twenty, well-written short stories on varying themes, giving insight into motives and character. Some of them have appeared in magazines.

YP Williams, Vinnie. The fruit tramp. Harper. $3.50.
R Flavorsome tale of young, orphaned Polk Watson who goes "crop picking" with his Uncle Chunk, falls in love with little Fawny May and is torn between conflicting loyalties.

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A Mexican Indian boy longs to wear a man-style hat, but must first prove his courage. (2-5)

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Sequel to Madeline, in which she falls into the river and is rescued by a dog. (1-3)

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For Your Information

GENERAL NEWS

Edited by Ida M. Cohen, Henry G. Shearouse, Jr., Marion H. Vedder

Immediate Openings for Public Librarians!

Two field work openings for Senior Library Supervisors, to serve as public library consultants. Salary $6140 to $7490. Need minimum of three years public library experience, including one year in administrative or supervisory capacity, eligibility for N.Y. State Professional Librarian's Certificate. One opening for Assistant Librarian, to head state demonstration bookmobile. Salary $4770 to $5860. Need minimum of two years public library experience, eligibility for N.Y. State Professional Librarian's Certificate. Retirement plan, social security option, health benefits, liberal sick leave, vacation and other benefits.

Write now for information to: Irving A. Verschoor, Director Library Extension Division, New York State Library, Education Building, Albany 1, New York.

Commissioner's Committee on Public Library Service: In May 1956 Commissioner of Education James E. Allen, Jr. appointed a 23-member committee to review the present status of public library service in New York State, to analyze and to evaluate recent progress made and to make recommendations to continue the improvement and extension of library service to the people of New York State.

This committee and Education Department staff have been gathering data and wish to take full advantage of the knowledge and experience of those persons in the State who are closest to the problems attending the organization and operation of systems of libraries under existing state laws and regulations.

A meeting for this purpose has been planned for May 27 and 28 at Hotel Onondaga, Syracuse, with expenses borne by the Education Department. Any suggestions or inquiries you have may be addressed to Charles M. Armstrong, Division of Research, 46 Chapel Street, Albany 7, New York.

Salute to History: Celebration of the 180th anniversary of the adoption of the New York State Constitution took place on April 20, 1957 at the New York National Guard Armory, Kingston. Addresses were presented by Governor Harriman; Henry Steele Commager, Professor of History, Columbia University; the Honorable Albert Conway, Chief Judge, New York State Court of Appeals; the Honorable Donald H. Mead, Mayor, City of Syracuse. The original manuscript of the New York State Constitution and other historic documents of the New York State Library were exhibited.

On April 24 the Regents honored Alexander Hamilton, Regent of the University of the State of New York, 1784-87, with an address given by Harold C. Syrett, Professor of History, Columbia University, and music by the Oneonta Senior High School choir. The Honorable Roger W. Straus, Chancellor of the University, presided. An exhibition of books and manuscripts relating to Hamilton from the collections of the New York State Library was arranged in the rotunda where a reception was held following the meeting in Chancellors Hall. On display was the very rare first edition of the United States Constitution as approved in 1787. A copy of the John Trumbull portrait of Hamilton now in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., done by Gregory Stapko, was also on view.

Dr. Nyquist Appointed Deputy Commissioner: Effective May 1, Dr. Ewald B. Nyquist was appointed to the position of Deputy State Commissioner of Education by the New York State Board of Regents. In recommending Dr. Nyquist, Commissioner James E. Allen, Jr. stated: "Dr. Nyquist has served the Education Department with distinction since 1951. As Associate Commissioner for Higher and Professional Education, he has been responsible for the Regents program of statewide planning in higher education. He has demonstrated outstanding administrative abilities and unusual powers of educational leadership.

"As Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Nyquist will be responsible for coordinating the development and administration of the Department's programs and policies. He will be the Commissioner's chief staff adviser and assistant on State education policy and program development. In the absence of the Commissioner, the Education Law provides that the Deputy shall exercise and perform the functions, powers and duties conferred or imposed on the Commissioner."

Dr. Nyquist will continue to carry on the duties of Associate Commissioner for Higher and Professional Education, including general responsibility for the State Library and the State Museum and State Science Service, until his successor for that position is appointed.

1957 Certification Examination: Some 238 applicants filed for the 6th annual public librarians' examination sponsored jointly by the New York State Library and the Civil Service Department. Candidates representing all areas of New York State participated at examination centers established in Albany, Buffalo, New York City, Rochester and Syracuse. In addition, sufficient interest was evidenced from librarians and students outside the State to necessitate the establishment of supplementary centers at Cleveland, Denver, Fort Wayne, New Brunswick, Oklahoma City, Pittsburgh and Seattle.

Staff Notes: Dr. Robert H. Deily, Principal Librarian, Technical Processes, and Mason Tolman, head of the Reference Section, attended the Symposium on Systems for Information Retrieval, held at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, on April 15 and 16. A demonstration of the latest devices of science and industry was observed by an attendance of some 700 persons and the application to the library field noted. — Ernest H. Breuer, Law Librarian, and Nancy Stirling, Assistant Law Librarian, participated in a workshop for law librarians conducted by the Law Library Association of Greater New York on May 11 in New York City. Mr. Breuer spoke on the legislative history of New York State. — The Annual Meeting of Extension Librarians held at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel, Concord,

N.H. on April 4-6, 1957, was attended by Edwin Berry, I. Marie Gustafson, Henry G. Shearouse, Jr., Mary Stewart and Marion H. Vedder. Federal aid and standards for rural libraries were the topics of discussion. — On April 11, 1957, Edgar Tompkins received provisional appointment as a Senior Library Supervisor under funds received from the Federal Library Services Act to strengthen personnel of the Library Extension Division. He has served in a number of capacities in various sections of the New York State Library, most recently as Assistant Librarian on the General Reference staff. He is a graduate of New York State College for Teachers, Albany (A.B. and BS in LS) and holds a n M.A. degree in public administration from the Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship, Syracuse University.

"Books for All": The premier of "Books for All" was held May 1 at the Lancaster Public Library where the main part of the movie was taken. Other portions of the film show parts of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library and Rochester Public Library. Seven prints of the film which belong to the New York Library Association - Library Trustees Foundation are placed on deposit with the Library Extension Division and may be booked for showing to New York State groups through this Division. If interested in purchasing, write to Audio-Visual Center, Syracuse University. The price is $200.

Social Welfare Law Amended: "...A library registered by the state education department, provided that the annual financial report of such institution or library shall be filed with the state education department where it shall be open for public inspection" is now exempt from registration requirements governing solicitation of funds for charitable purposes. (Chapter 276, Laws of 1957)

NYLA Committee Meeting in Albany: The County Library Development Committee of which Mrs. Lillian C. Van Mater is chairman, met in the Regents Room of the State Education Building on April 16 to plan the year's activities and conference program. "Books for All" was shown.

Spring and Summer Workshops and Institutes: The second five-day workshop for institution librarians will be held at St. Lawrence University, Canton, from July 21-26. The full program and instructors are not yet known, but the workshop is being planned to include subjects of interest and value to the untrained person in institution library work as well as to the experienced institution librarian. Suggestions for the workshop will be welcomed. Tuition, board and room for five days will be $75. Invitation to participate is extended to all institution librarians in other states as well as to those in all types of institutions in this State. Marion H. Vedder, Institution Library Consultant, is coordinator. Please write her for additional information or to offer suggestions.

The Suffolk County Library Association has been sponsoring a workshop at the Blue Point Public Library on the themes of public relations and library service to children. There were four sessions on the mornings of April 4, 11 and May 2 and 9. Program leaders were Mrs. Lenetta Klein, children's librarian at Patchogue Library, and Dorothy Hyle, librarian at Smithtown Public Library.

The Orange County Community College, Middletown, is offering a workshop series for librarians and trustees in Orange and neighboring counties. This Wednesday morning series began on April 17 with an attendance of 24

and will close May 22. Irving A. Verschoor is coordinator with Henry G. Shearouse, Jr. and I. Marie Gustafson co-leaders. Other members of Library Extension Division participated. New materials and techniques of the profession in the light of current literature were considered.

Columbia University, School of Library Service, held a one-day Alumni Institute on April 27. A number of librarians in the area as well as faculty members took part in the discussions of the five groups: New Books - for Young People; New Films - Their Production and Their Audience; New Professional Tools - for the Librarian; New Tasks - New Public Library Standards and Federal Aid; New Terms - Documentation and Retrieval. Florence Boochever, head of the Book Information Section, attended.

An institute for public librarians interested in initiating and developing services for teen-agers will be sponsored by the Rutgers Graduate School of Library Service, and the ALA Association of Young People's Librarians at Rutgers, New Brunswick, N.J., June 3-7. Total cost, including board and room, approximately $55.

The University of Michigan, Department of Library Science, will offer three workshops, each of two weeks' duration, August 5-16, during the summer session period: a School Library Workshop, Coordinate Indexing Workshop and Library Buildings Workshop. The workshops will be open to regular students in the summer session, and each will carry two hours of graduate credit. Students attending the summer session for the workshop period only may do so by registering in advance. The fee for such students will be $30 for Michigan residents and $35 for out-of-state students. For further information write to Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Since enrollment is limited, prospective participants should write well in advance.

ALA News: The 76th Annual Conference of the American Library Association will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-29, with 4,000 librarians expected to participate. ALA President Ralph R. Shaw will preside at the three General Sessions to be held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and at the three meetings of the Council on Monday afternoon and on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Speaker at the First General Session will be John W. Gardner, President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. A reception for ALA members and their guests will be given by the Board of Trustees of the Linda Hall Library immediately following. At the Third General Session, ALA President-elect and First Vice President Lucile M. Morsch will be installed as President and give her inaugural address. Matters for Council consideration will include relocation of ALA Headquarters, and further steps in ALA reorganization.

There will be two pre-Conference meetings: An Adult Education Institute on Community Study, sponsored by the Adult Education Division in cooperation with ALA Office for Adult Education and the ALA Library-Community Project, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23. A Workshop for Library Trustees, Librarians and Citizens on the theme, "Opportunities Unlimited," will be held on Sunday. Officers and members of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce who are active in "Operation Library" will be special guests and the dinner speaker on Sunday evening will be Kenneth McFarland, Education Director, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Mich.

Conference reservations should be made by addressing the ALA Housing Bureau, Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1030 Baltimore, Kansas City 5, Mo.

At Donnell Library Center of the New York Public Library on April 25 the first ALA Liberty and Justice Book Awards of $5,000 each were presented

to William H. Whyte, Jr. for "The Organization Man"; Alpheus Thomas Mason, for "Harlan Fiske Stone: Pillar of the Law" and James T. Thurber for "Further Fables of Our Time." Two hundred and twenty-five books published in 1956 were submitted for the awards which were made possible by a grant to the ALA by the Fund for the Republic. Similar $5,000 awards will be made by ALA next year for three books published in 1957 which "make distinguished contributions to the American tradition of liberty and justice."

Reports on activities of "Operation Library," the national project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, are requested. Please send to Library Extension Division information on any activity or help in behalf of better library service offered by Jaycees in your community. A full report is to be made at the annual American Library Association conference at Kansas City.

New Weeding Pamphlet Available: An attractive new booklet entitled "Your Book Collection--Its Care" has just been printed by the New York State Library, Division of Library Extension, The State Education Department, and is being sent to all public, college and university libraries in New York State. It was prepared by a committee of the Library Extension Division, I. Marie Gustafson, chairman.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Jean L. Connor and I. Marie Gustafson, Library Extension

Chautauqua. The April Newsletter of the James Prendergast Free Library, Jamestown, is devoted to a catalog of its art gallery. — The Chautauqua County Book Cooperative will hold a day's institute for librarians and trustees on April 30 in Jamestown. Books for children and adults will be discussed in the afternoon. The evening session will include a showing of "Books for All."

Clinton-Essex. An open house honoring the publication of local author Frank A. Cooper's novel, "Mr. Teach Goes to War," was held at the Plattsburgh Public Library. — The Librarians' meeting of the Clinton-Essex County Library Service System was held in Plattsburgh Headquarters on April 11. Mrs. Vogan, of the Mooers Free Library presided at a panel discussion on Library Work with Children. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of display techniques and materials, led by Mrs. Stearn of the Elizabethtown Library Association.

Delaware. The Oneonta Group of Tri-County Librarians held its spring meeting on March 25 at the Oneonta High School Library, Mrs. Eunice Nordberg acting as hostess. A timely topic for this season of year, "Weeding and Discarding," was chosen for group discussion, led by Mrs. J. Louisa Stanford of the Sidney Public Library. This proved to be a very lively discussion, everyone present resolving to go home, tackle and route the "orgy on weeding" by a systematic, continuous discarding of books instead of by a gigantic yearly task. -- At the first quarterly meeting of the Friends of the Sidney Public Library, held March 29, a

group of nearly 70 members and guests enjoyed an evening of Folk Songs presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Behler of Hamilton.

Fulton. With the opening of a local history archives room on the second floor of the Gloversville Free Library early in March, head librarian Catherine Costello has embarked on a "five-year plan" of modernization and rearrangement of the library's facilities.

Livingston. Nearly 400 people visited the Mt. Morris Library during the formal opening of its new building on March 9 and 10. The building is an attractive one-story, modern brick building, compact and functional. The size, 40 x 50; cost, $37,000 with furniture. — The will of Mrs. Sadie Pierrepont Miller bequeathed $10,000 to the Dansville Public Library to be used for general upkeep.

Monroe. The Webster Public Library, occupying a new location, has been humming with activity since its opening on January 12. An open house was held on March 29. — Rochester Public Library plans to spend a record amount for books—$100,000—between July, 1957 and June, 1958.— A dinner and evening institute on town library management will be held in Rochester for trustees and librarians of the Monroe County Library System on May 13.

Nassau. The trustees of the Farmingdale Free Library are considering buying a site somewhere in South Farmingdale for a central library. The new library budget calls for the purchase of a bookmobile to serve people in East Farmingdale, North Massapequa and other outlying areas next year. — An estimated $75,000 will be spent renovating the Lynbrook Library which was gutted last year by fire. In addition, a new wing may be added. — The first art exhibit sponsored by the Friends of the East Meadow Public Library on April 7 attracted an audience of 700 persons. For one afternoon the library's rented stores were transformed into an art gallery by using pegboard panels hung in front of the bookshelves. The success of the exhibit has encouraged the Friends to make this an annual affair. Since October the East Meadow library has held two preschool hours weekly. — A simplified multiple-copy order form designed by East Meadow is also being used by the Farmingdale Free Library. The two libraries recently submitted a combined printing order to take advantage of quantity prices. — Roslyn's Bryant Library will soon open its newly completed children's room and Bryant Memorial Reading Room, thereby doubling the space of the library. Renovation, which started in 1955, entailed making the cellar into the children's room and the addition of the $35,000 Bryant Memorial Reading Room.

New York. New York Public librarians have gone on record with their opinions as to which books published in 1956 will be remembered in years to come. The selections appear as a book list which is available at the New York Library. Entitled "Books to Remember - 1956," the list covers every subject category.

Onondaga. The dedication and open house of the newly established Fairmount Community Library took place April 11.

St. Lawrence. A chamber music concert was held at the Canton Free Library, March 10, under the direction of Maurice Baritaud, Crane School of Music,

Potsdam. The Women's Library Association served a tea in connection with the concert and realized $40 for the library. — Grade 5 of the Lincoln School presented a puppet show at the Ogdensburg Public Library, February 16. The story entitled "Settling of our Country," and all scenery, costumes, and puppets were created by the students. Frank E. Meservey presented to the public library a scale model of Fort La Presentation, the original settlement at Ogdensburg. — Mrs. Minnie Buck, librarian of the Potsdam Public Library, is compiling a regular book column of adult and juvenile books for the POTSDAM COURIER & FREEMAN. The library is currently displaying a collection of training materials for Girl Scout Leaders.

Steuben-Yates. The spring meeting of the Steuben-Yates Library Association will be held in Corning, on May 9. Mary Helen Mahar, Professor of Library Education, Geneseo, will speak on "Young Peoples' Reading." There will also be a tour of the library of the Corning Museum of Glass and a showing of the new county library film, "Books for All."

Tompkins. The Southern Tier Library Club is meeting on May 3 at Cornell University, Ithaca. News of state and county library developments, tours of local libraries and the film, "Books for All," will be featured. Arthur P. Sweet, Acquisitions Librarian, Cornell University, will speak on "Collecting Books on a Shoestring."

Ulster. Ellenville Public Library patrons are seeing things in a different light these days since new fluorescent lights were installed there in February. Also, a historical room has been made from a room previously used for storage.

Wayne-Livingston-Monroe. A tricounty meeting of librarians and trustees of the Wayne-Livingston-Monroe system is planned for May 6 in Newark.

Westchester. The Friends of White Plains Public Library in March sponsored an exhibition of oil paintings by Nan Greacen, local artist. — At the annual meeting in April the Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon Public Library conferred upon Alice L. Jewett the honorary title of Director Emeritus, in recognition of her many years of outstanding service as head of the library and her contributions to the library profession. — Students working on term papers and other special assignments while at home for spring recess helped to make March at the Mount Vernon Public Library one of the busiest on record. — The Eastchester Woman's Club celebrated "Know Your Library Day" on March 6. Mrs. Harry J. Hill, chairman of the Eastchester Public Library trustees, gave a history of the library's development during its first decade of existence. — On March 2 New Rochelle Public Library held dedication ceremonies and opened for public inspection the new bookmobile. On March 11, the bookmobile started its schedule of 15 regular weekly stops. — Among the accomplishments of the staff of the Port Chester Library has been the preparation of a staff manual.

Epilogue

"These memories that keep rushing to a man's mind as he takes the backward look from the high ridge of retirement, before starting down the other side of the slope, are rich with pleasure and filled with deep satisfactions. They are filled with relief, too, that some parts do not have to be done over.

"But life would not be the thrilling adventure that it is if the dominant theme in retirement were not fresh anticipation.

"I still crave new experiences, new challenges, new undertakings from which ultimately to form new memories. I do not propose to cease activity but merely to change its form.

"What is gone is the inflexible routine that held me so tightly in its grasp while I struggled to meet my business responsibilities. I have recaptured control of my life. I am free to select for my efforts those challenges which stir me most and to suit my activity to my time of life.

"The man who does not feel this elation as he pauses briefly on the hilltop of retirement is a man who for these many years has seen nothing from day to day beyond the papers on his desk. He may have shuffled them well, but he knows no outlet for his energies except more of the same kind of papers.

"For myself, I believe that I have reached the dividend time of life. The vintage years are ahead, and I propose to pack them with many more satisfying memories."

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